

PROFILE

DEACON JOE RUBIO, PH.D.

Deacon Rubio is Vice-president of Community Relations and Development for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He is also active at the local, state and national levels in organizations that promote social justice and health and human service programs for children, families, the poor, and the vulnerable.

Before assuming his present post with Catholic Charities in 2001, Dr. Rubio served for five years as Vice-President of Development for Neighborhood Centers Inc., (NCI) a century-old agency serving low-income residents of Houston, Harris County and 12 surrounding counties in Southeast Texas. Ripley House was renovated during his tenure at the agency. He came to NCI from White Plains, New York, where he held the position of National Director of Chapter Program Services for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Dr. Rubio's 10-year tenure with the national foundation included stints as director of programming for the agency in Houston and for the Western Regional Office in Dallas. He was responsible for establishing new guidelines for local grants and programs.

Rubio is a first generation Texan, born in El Paso. His parents emigrated during the Mexican Revolution of the 1910's. The Rubio and Anaya Families have roots in Chihuahua and Leon where numerous relatives still reside.

Education: Bachelor of Arts, 1960, University of Texas at El Paso; Doctor of Philosophy in higher education, with a concentration in community college administration, University of Texas at Austin, 1975; and Certificate in Pastoral Ministry (Permanent Deacon), St. Thomas University, Houston, 2003.

Boards and Commission: Dr. Rubio sits or has served on numerous boards, task forces and commissions, including:

National: U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Service Secretary's Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (SACIM) and Catholic Charities USA's National Social Policy Committee. He previously served on the advisory committee for the historic Mexican-American Education Study conducted by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission (1968-75); National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition (1989-92); the March of Dimes National Advisory Committee on Maternal and Child Health; and the Southern Governor's Commission on Infant Mortality (1988-91.)

State: Board and Executive Committee, Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin; and the Texas Catholic Conference's State Catholic Charities Committee. He chaired the 2003 state conference.

Houston: Chair, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs; Houston-Harris County Health Care Council; City of Houston's Day Labor Task Force; TMO Clergy Council; Vice-chair, Coalition for the Homeless; Vice-chair, Greater Houston Collaborative for Children; Houston Housing Resources, Inc., and Center for the Future's Pre-K Task Force. He is a senior fellow of the American Leadership Forum.

Church Affiliation: Rubio was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Catholic Church in 2003 after completing a five-year course of study at St. Mary's School of Theology and Seminary in Houston, a division of St. Thomas University. He assists at St. Bernadette's Church in Clear Lake. He has also served on the advisory council of the Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson. Rubio is a member of the Clergy Advisory Council for the Children's Defense Fund.

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